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A ***Choose a, b, c or d.***

1. Robert was as quiet as a ..... when he walked into the house.

a. feather **b.** mouse **c.** bee **d.** bird

2. I often confuse Ron ..... his twin brother.

a. between **b.** from **c.** with **d.** to

3. The victims of the ..... described the damage the waves had caused to their homes.

a. tsunami **b.** drought **c.** hurricane **d.** avalanche

4. The shop assistant was very ..... and helped me find everything I needed.

a. stubborn **b.** attentive **c.** extroverted **d.** extensive

5. You need a password in order to ..... this page.

a. proceed **b.** spread **c.** limit **d.** access

6. On our day off from work, we decided to go on a(n) ..... to the coast.

a. excursion **b.** expedition **c.** voyage **d.** cruise

7. The journalist wrote an article to ..... awareness of the problems homeless people face.

a. raise **b.** request **c.** take **d.** draw

8. The students were reminded to ..... each other's presentations and not interrupt with questions.

a. understand **b.** realise **c.** respect **d.** appreciate

9. The outfit clearly suited her, but I still had to ..... her to buy it!

a. maintain **b.** place **c.** handle **d.** convince

10. The government decided to ..... away with the old rubbish disposal system; it will be replaced with a more eco-friendly one.

a. go **b.** do **c.** make **d.** take

11. When we visit popular destinations, we must be careful to ..... their natural beauty.

a. claim **b.** reserve **c.** preserve **d.** identify

12. My mother-in-law's house is ..... walking distance of the beach.

a. into **b.** from **c.** on **d.** within

13. This hotel is completely ..... I've never paid so much to stay somewhere that offered so little.

a. overpriced **b.** underpriced **c.** overbooked **d.** underbooked

14. In the summer, we ..... visit our cousins in Brighton.

a. accurately **b.** occasionally **c.** consequently **d.** authentically

15. I need to buy a new backpack because my old one is .....

a. torn **b.** chipped **c.** smashed **d.** scratched

16. The tour guide ..... how we could use the transport app to get around the city.

a. demonstrated **b.** encountered **c.** embraced **d.** customised

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B ***Choose a, b, c or d.***

1. The hikers were struggling to reach their camp when suddenly the weather ..... even worse.

a. got **b.** was getting **c.** had got **d.** had been getting

2. Ann ..... since the moment she got back from school. She's got a lot of homework.

a. is studying **b.** studied **c.** has studied **d.** has been studying

3. The children eventually ..... their new school.

a. got used to **b.** used to get **c.** get used to **d.** are used to getting

4. Don't speak to me for a minute—I .....

a. think **b.** 'm thinking **c.** was thinking **d.** have been thinking

5. Jack ..... at our company for five years when he decided to quit.

a. worked **b.** has worked **c.** has been working **d.** had been working

6. We ..... on a camping trip, but at the last minute we cancelled it.

a. would go **b.** used to go **c.** were going to go **d.** were going

7. By the end of next month, I ..... on this book for two years.

a. will be working **b.** am working **c.** will work **d.** will have been working

8. We will deliver the books as soon as we ..... the address.

a. receive **b.** will receive **c.** will have received **d.** are receiving

9. This time last week, we ..... our bikes through the charming streets of Amsterdam.

a. would ride **b.** are riding **c.** had been riding **d.** were riding

10. I ..... visit the gallery, as the current exhibition doesn't particularly interest me.

a. can't **b.** mustn't **c.** may not **d.** shouldn't

11. You ..... park your car there. It's against the law.

a. needn't **b.** didn't have to **c.** aren't able **d.** mustn't

12. Peter ..... all this work himself, but he left most of it for us because he's lazy.

a. might do **b.** must do **c.** could have done **d.** must have done

13. The harder you work in life, ... you will accomplish.

a. the most **b.** more **c.** most **d.** the more

14. The Roberts have three sons, all of ..... have moved abroad.

a. that **b.** whom **c.** which **d.** whose

15. We regret ..... you that there are no rooms available at our hotel for this weekend.

a. to inform **b.** inform **c.** informing **d.** have informed

16. Kevin didn't want to tell us the reason ..... he was late for the meeting.

a. whose **b.** why **c.** which **d.** where

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C ***Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given.***
Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. I went to a restaurant with my cousin yesterday and I really enjoyed it. **which**
I really enjoyed the ..... restaurant with my cousin yesterday.

2. Lisa would always think of the silliest excuses for being late. **come**
Lisa used ..... the silliest excuses for being late.

3. My parents last visited Italy a long time ago. **not**
My parents ..... a long time.

4. I've never seen a more boring documentary in my life. **least**
This is ..... documentary I've ever seen.

5. The meeting will begin any minute now, so let's go inside. **about**
The meeting ....., so let's go inside.

6. We will postpone the event because of the weather. **put**
We are ..... the event because of the weather.

7. The puzzle was extremely challenging, but Mark didn't stop trying and continued working on it late into the night. **up**
The puzzle was extremely challenging, but Mark ..... didn't and continued working on it late into the night.

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Score

D ***Complete the text with the correct form of the words in capitals.***

Budget Travel Tips

Travelling is often a time of fun and incredible new experiences. However, if there is one thing that can take some of the (**1**)..... out of travel, it is the amount of money that we often have to spend on our travel adventures. However, there are ways in which we can cut ..... down on costs for a more (**2**)..... holiday. **ENJOY** **AFFORD**

To save money on flights and accommodation, travel during the off-peak months, when there is often a significant (**3**)..... in prices. Avoiding restaurants in busy tourist spots is another smart choice, because you are more likely to be (**4**)..... for food there compared to places where the locals themselves eat. And, of course, using public transport ..... provides a(n) (**5**)..... alternative to taxis when getting around. **REDUCE** **CHARGE** **EXPENSIVE**

Lastly, spending some time researching the attractions and entertainment options a place offers is certain to be (**6**)..... in helping you find the best prices. Apart from the (**7**)..... that comes from getting a good deal on these things, the money you save can go towards even more exciting and (**8**)..... holiday experiences. **BENEFIT** **SATISFY** **MEANING**

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Reading

Read the texts A-D and answer the questions. Choose a, b, c or d.

A

Viva Mexico

The hottest trends in Mexican street food with Rico Lopez.
Mon. 5.30-8.30 p.m.

Franklin's Favourites

Franklin Wong shares his top twenty dishes from China.
Tue. & Thur. 7-10 p.m.

Just Desserts

Helga's back by popular demand!
Wed. 6-8 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.

Dinner in a *Rush*

Learn quick, delicious meals that impress. With Festina Swift.
Fri. 6-8 p.m.

All classes begin the first week of October and last for 16 weeks.
Sign up now, as places are limited!

B

Hi Jane!

How's it going? Did you see the online advert for cooking classes?

The bad news is that Tom Roberts isn't teaching this year. The good news is that Helga Linzertorte is. I'm a bit ambivalent because I'm not really into making desserts— but she's amazing! There's also Chinese cooking, which seems fascinating. What do you say? Are you interested?

Anyway, I'm going to the student office tomorrow to pick up a new student ID card, so I can put our names on the list then. The website says we can even get 10% off if we sign up during early booking, so let me know as soon as possible!

Talk soon,

Agnes

C

To: Teachers of evening classes

From: Margaret Jones

Dear all,

This is just to give you all a quick update on what's happening regarding the evening classes you are going to teach.

I'm delighted to say that all courses are now fully booked. There are still a few weeks before classes begin, so if any of you would like to teach another class, either on Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. or on Fridays from 8 to 10 p.m., contact me immediately.

I'd like to remind those of you who weren't here last year that you must be at the college at least thirty minutes before your lessons start. We have cooking classes for full-time students in the same rooms you will be using, and you will need to work with support staff before the evening students arrive to make sure everything is ready for

EAST MEETS WEST

Franklin Wong was born in Hong Kong and has been living in Colchester for over twenty years. He has won many awards for his cooking and has popular restaurants in and around the Colchester area.

He has appeared as a guest chef on cooking programmes from several TV channels, demonstrating how to make dishes from all over China. He loves using lots of hot chilli in his food, and is famous for his vegetarian soups, which include fresh vegetables, noodles and many different spices.

Franklin was asked by the president of Lexden College, Ms Margaret Jones, to come and share some of his techniques, and he gladly agreed to teach Chinese cooking classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the college.

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them at the beginning of each lesson.
All the best,
Margaret

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The following questions refer to section A.

1. What is the main purpose of section A?
- **a.** to tell people how to sign up for cooking classes
- **b.** to announce the names of the new teachers
- **c.** to present information about cooking classes
- **d.** to give detailed descriptions of college courses

2. Whose teaching schedule has the fewest hours?
- **a.** Rico’s
- **b.** Franklin’s
- **c.** Helga’s
- **d.** Festina’s

The following questions refer to section B.

3. Which word is closest in meaning to the word **ambivalent** in the third sentence of the second paragraph?
- **a.** curious
- **b.** hesitant
- **c.** anxious
- **d.** interested

4. How can people get a discount on the classes?
- **a.** show their student ID card on arrival
- **b.** sign up for the classes online
- **c.** sign up in advance
- **d.** mention the advert when they book

The following questions refer to section C.

5. When was the email most probably sent?
- **a.** the day before the start of the classes
- **b.** just after classes had started
- **c.** after classes had become fully booked
- **d.** a few weeks before classes became fully booked

6. What is true about the evening class teachers?
- **a.** They will also have to teach full-time college students.
- **b.** They will have help preparing their classrooms.
- **c.** They will have to teach more classes.
- **d.** They are not allowed to teach any more classes.

7. In the final sentence of the final paragraph, what does the word **them** refer to?
- **a.** evening students
- **b.** full-time students
- **c.** support staff
- **d.** cooking classes

The following questions refer to section D.

8. What is the main purpose of section D?
- **a.** to describe Franklin’s cooking methods
- **b.** to give a short description of a chef’s career
- **c.** to explain how Franklin joined the college staff
- **d.** to provide general information about a cooking class

9. What is true about Franklin Wong?
- **a.** He asked to teach the evening classes.
- **b.** He used to have a cooking programme on TV.
- **c.** He cooks with lots of spices.
- **d.** He used to have several restaurants.

The following question refers to more than one section.

10. Which sections mention that Lexden College has had evening cooking classes in previous years?
- **a.** A, B and C
- **b.** A, C and D

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c. A, B and D
d. B, C and D

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Listening

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer (a, b or c).

1. You hear a conversation between two people. What is their relationship to Angela?
- **a.** friends
- **b.** colleagues
- **c.** relatives

2. You hear two people talking about the weather. What is the weather like at the moment?
- **a.** humid and rainy
- **b.** cloudy and humid
- **c.** hot and sunny

3. You hear a woman talking to her husband. Why is she talking to him?
- **a.** to complain
- **b.** to make a suggestion
- **c.** to give him a warning

4. You hear part of a conversation between a man and a woman. Why does the woman prefer the holiday in Italy?
- **a.** It's cheaper.
- **b.** It's more beautiful there.
- **c.** It's not as far as Spain.

5. You hear two people talking about clothes shopping. Where are they?
- **a.** in a clothes shop
- **b.** at home
- **c.** in a café

6. You hear a voice message. Why is the woman calling?
- **a.** to cancel arrangements
- **b.** to offer an invitation
- **c.** to remind her friend about something

7. You hear two people discussing an island campsite. How are they thinking of getting to the campsite?
- **a.** by car
- **b.** by boat
- **c.** by public transport

8. You hear a man talking about a restaurant. Why was he upset?
- **a.** The service wasn't satisfactory.
- **b.** There was a mistake in the bill.
- **c.** The restaurant only accepted cash.

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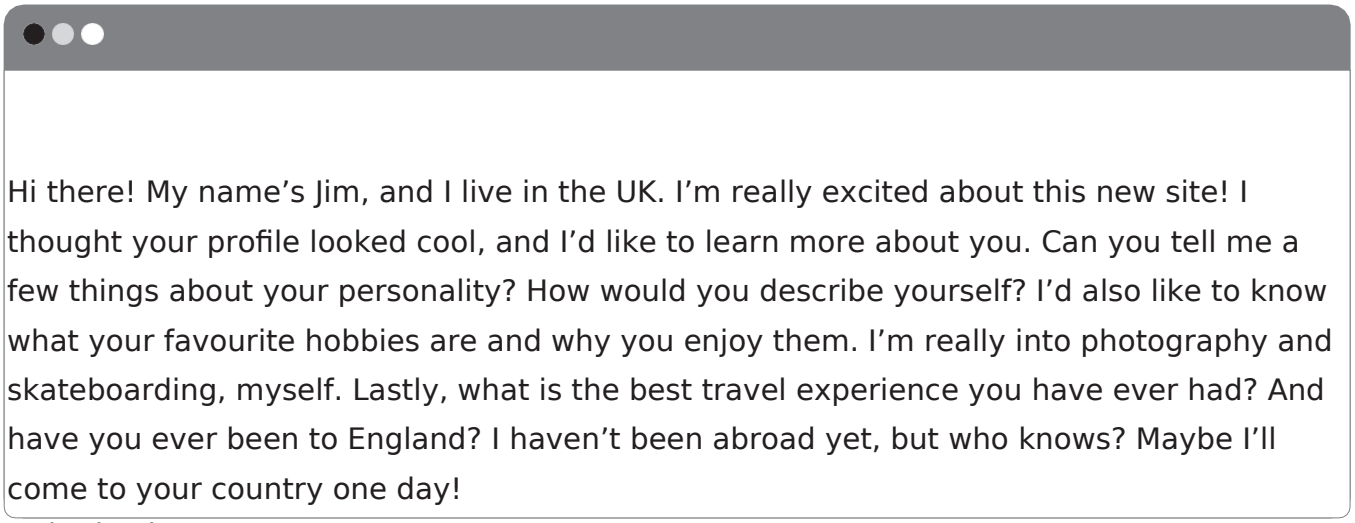
Writing

Choose one of the two writing tasks below.

Writing Task 1:

*You have joined a website that connects people from different countries who want to exchange emails. You have received this email from an English-speaking member of the site. Write **an email** in response, answering the person's questions.*



Hi there! My name's Jim, and I live in the UK. I'm really excited about this new site! I thought your profile looked cool, and I'd like to learn more about you. Can you tell me a few things about your personality? How would you describe yourself? I'd also like to know what your favourite hobbies are and why you enjoy them. I'm really into photography and skateboarding, myself. Lastly, what is the best travel experience you have ever had? And have you ever been to England? I haven't been abroad yet, but who knows? Maybe I'll come to your country one day!

Write back soon,

Jim

Writing Task 2:

Noise pollution in the city centre is a huge problem that is affecting the quality of life of the people that live there. The mayor has asked residents to make suggestions on how to improve the situation.

*Write **an email** to the mayor making **two suggestions** and giving reasons to support them. Start your email with 'Dear Mayor Walker,'.*

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Total Score / 100

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